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## Man Charged with Assaulting Teen Playing Pokémon Go in Long Beach

A 57-year-old man was charged today with striking a teen who was playing a location-based reality game Wednesday night, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jayson Louis Lingen (dob 6/5/59) has been charged with one count of assault with a deadly weapon in case NA104806.

The charging document alleges that the defendant was previously convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in 2013.

Lingen is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department S01 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$100,000.

Prosecutors said on the evening of Aug. 17, a 17-year-old boy was playing Pokémon Go, a location-based reality game, in the 70 block of Aquarium Way in Long Beach.

As the teenager was roaming the area, Lingen allegedly yelled at the victim and hit him in the head with a metal pole, prosecutors said.

Following the assault, authorities were called and police took Lingen into custody, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 13 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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